

White Sands Community Hall Society
Meeting Minutes for
October 20, 2015

Present:

President Fraser Denton, Treasurer John Shepherd, Secretary Judy Peelar.
Carol Linkert, Gerry Linkert, Debbie Waugh, Leigh Rairdan, Carl Cornelssen, Geri Horne, Suzanne Denton, Bernie Feisst, Shirley Feisst, Jim Shaw, Lorne Thurston, Heather Zyerfeld, Bev Shepherd, Bill Sanchuck, Vicky Sanchuck

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Denton with 18 members in attendance, therefore a quorum.

Changes to the Agenda:

1. Add: New Business – Update from Village Council – Lorne Thurston

Motion to accept the agenda with the above change was made by Leigh Rairdan, seconded by Carol Linkert. Carried.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Minutes from the July 18, 2015 meeting were approved as distributed on the motion of Shirley Feisst, seconded by Vicky Sanchuck. Carried.

Financial Report:

The Financial Report was presented by Treasurer John Shepherd, for the period of January 1 to October 20, 2015. See the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss statements attached.

Recent purchases of the storage shed and the Village Map have put us in the negative for the year; however, we have over \$14,000 on deposit.

Motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Suzanne Denton, seconded by Bernie Feisst. Carried.

Old/Unfinished Business:

1. Village Map – Fraser Denton reported that the Village Map project is now complete. The map is erected on Buffalo Road just before the intersection at Jennifer Drive. Thanks go out to:
 - o Those who helped erect the sign.
 - o Graham Scott of the Town of Stettler for the work he did to have the sign printed.
 - o The gravel surrounding the sign was paid for by the Village and spread by Ed Waugh.

2. Gazebo Hill Project – Mayor Lorne Thurston reported that the delay in roofing the gazebo is due to Council, and he thanked the team who is willing to do the work to get the gazebo roofed. Because of the wind gusts on the hill, they are taking due diligence in the construction and materials used. They will continue to explore options which may result in engineered plans. The Village will be constructing benches this winter to stabilize the Gazebo frame. There will also be a table permanently affixed in the Gazebo. This project is now in the hands of the Village until they need assistance with construction.
3. Storage Shed – Bernie Feisst reported that the shed is now in place behind the Community Center. It is sided in metal with a painted 2 x 10 floor. It is on skids. They have shelving to put in and are looking for volunteers to move the storage items from the Hall, Bottle Shed and garage. Anyone who can help is asked to be at the Community Center on Friday, Oct 23 at 10:00 a.m. President Denton thanked Bernie for coordinating this project.

Fraser also acknowledged and thanked Eric Thomas for building and installing benches at the tennis court and Gazebo Hill.

4. Budgeting Expenses Against Income – Fraser Denton, John Shepherd and Carl Cornelssen took a look at annual events to ensure our bottle revenues would cover the expenses of holding these events. To date, we have had some generous donations to assist with some of our events, but we wanted to ensure we could still hold the events if the donations ceased. See attached Profit and Loss Budget Overview. By setting up an annual expense budget, we can now seek approval for the standard events ahead of time. Extra purchases would need approval at the time of the expense – for example this year’s Village Sign and Storage Shed. We are not in business to make a profit, but to return to the community the money that is raised from donations – of which our biggest source is bottles. If donations or revenues decrease, we will come back to the table and rework our annual events within a revised budget.

Treasurer John Shepherd explained that the attached Budget still leaves us about \$10,000 in the bank.

President Denton called for a motion to accept the budget as presented for the period of October 2015 through October 2016. Motion was made by Jim Shaw, seconded by Bernie Feisst. Carried.

New Business:

1. Committee Reports:

Social Committee – Deb Waugh reported that the September Wind-Up had less than normal attendance due to the rainy weather. Estimated 175 in attendance. The Christmas Pot Luck will be held on Thursday, December 17th at the Community Hall. Turkey and ham will be provided and all attendees should bring a pot luck item.

Bottle Committee – Carl Cornelssen reported that bottle donations were up again this year and new volunteers did come out to help sort bottles.

President Denton asks that residents start to think about volunteer jobs as the current committee members will finish their 2 year term next July.

2. Old Entrance Shed – John Sheppard reported that some time ago, a shed was erected over the old entrance (back of the hall beside the kitchen) to provide shelter. It still requires painting, screening and fascia and soffits. This is a project we should pursue in the spring.
3. Village Council Update – Lorne Thurston reported that a resident has a professional shuffle board he is willing to donate to the Community Hall. Fraser Denton will contact the resident and if it is a fit for the Hall, will make arrangements for moving it.

Village Council had contacted Alberta Transportation and there is now a sign on Hwy 835 indicating the Village of White Sands. There was no cost to us.

President Denton thanked the Village Council for providing the gravel at the Village Sign and for painting the Community Hall.

4. Hall Society Business over the Winter Months. Treasurer John Shepherd will be away for the next 6 months. Vice President Carl Cornelssen will handle the banking and the cash on hand. Deb Waugh will pick up the mail. Thanks to Carl and Deb for filling in.

Buffalo Lake T-Shirts are still available at \$20 each.

5. Next meeting is set for April 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
6. Meeting was adjourned on the motion of Suzanne Denton at 6:50 p.m.